RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects for control of floods in Bihar, especially north Bihar pending with the Union Government;

(b) the progress made thereon so far; and

(c) the time by which those are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Out of 14 flood management schemes costing Rs.. 97 crores received for clearance from Bihar, 11 schemes costing Rs. 61 crores pertain to North Bihar.

(b) and (c). Observation of Ganga Flood Control Commission on all schemes, except two received recently (1 of North Bihar) have been sent for compliance to the State government. The time for clearance of tese schemes depends mainly on the prompt submission of satisfactory replies to the observations.

[*Translation*]

Jute Research Centres in Bihar

1325. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new Jute Research Centres in Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of such Centres proposed to be opened alongwith their locations; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). A Research Centre under All India Coordinated Research Project on Jute & Allied Fibres is already under operation at Katihar (Bihar).

[*English*]

Natural Gas in Gujarat

1326. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the natural gas reserves have been found in Gujarat;.

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether there is any proposal to appoint an independent body to explore oil and natural gas in Gujarat;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). So far, geological reserves to the extent of approximately 192 billion cubic meters of gas have been established in the Cambay Basin of Gujarat. At present all exploration in Gujarat is being carried out by the O.N.G.C.

[*Translation*]

Sale of Double Toned Milk by Mother Dairy

1327. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mother Dairy is still selling double toned milk even when there is for more production of milk these days; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Mother Dairy, Delhi, at present is selling double toned milk and standardised milk.

(b) Although with the onset of flush